Council Agenda #4F Meeting of November 13, 2007



Staff Report

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FILING OF THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT WITH THE CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Summary

Staff is seeking permission from City Council to apply for the California Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School (SR2S) grant. The SR2S application is due November 16, 2007.

Background

The California Department of Transportation has made funds available for capital projects through the SR2S program, a state legislated program contained in Streets & Highway Code Section 2330-2334. This program has been active since 2000 and came into effect from the passage of Assembly Bill 1475 and was subsequently extended. The program is now in its seventh cycle. The program is primarily a construction program targeting K-12 schools. Applications are rated based on demonstrated need, potential for reducing child injury and fatalities, for encouraging walking and bicycling, identification of safety hazards, identification of current and potential walking and biking routes, community and other agency support.

Staff is seeking Council approval to apply for funding from this grant for one project, to install Active Speed Radar Signs in the vicinity of five schools.

Discussion

The State SR2S program funds capital or educational and encouragement projects. Staff is seeking approval to apply for this grant for one project.

The proposed project would be to install Active Speed Radar Signs at five locations: On Middle Road adjacent to Central Elementary School; on Hiller Street adjacent to Mae Nesbit Elementary School; on Monserat Avenue and Cipriani Avenue near Cipriani Elementary School; on Alameda de las Pulgas near Carlmont High School; and on Ralston Avenue near Notre Dame High School.

Staff is requesting approval to apply for a grant amount of \$255,200.00 for the project. There is a requirement for a 10% local match for this grant. The City must expend the awarded funds within four federal fiscal years after the funds are obligated. The City is not required to provide a resolution to fulfill the requirements of the application. However, providing a resolution approved by Council to Caltrans shows support for the project and thus improves the chance that the application will be approved for funding.

Fiscal Impact

If the SR2S grants are approved, funding will be budgeted for these projects from the FY09 budget. The grants will reimburse the City for its cost except for the 10% matching funds which will be budgeted from Proposition 1B or Measure A funds.

Public Contact

The public contact includes the publication and posting of the City Council agenda. City staff has consulted with the School District, and the Police Department. City staff has informally secured commitment from the schools to support the application.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works to submit an application for the Safe Routes to School grant.

Alternatives

- 1. Take no action.
- 2. Refer back to staff for further information.

Attachments

A. Resolution

Respectfully submitted,

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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELMONT APPROVING THE FILING OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the California Department of Transportation has made funds available for capital or educational and encouragement projects through the SR2S program, a state legislated program contained in Streets & Highway Code Section 2330-2334 for capital projects; and,

WHEREAS, staff has identified locations for proposed active speed radar improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the SR2S application is due to Caltrans by November 16, 2007; and,

WHEREAS, the City must expend the awarded funds within four federal fiscal years after the funds are obligated; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Belmont is required to provide a 10% local match in order to be eligible for the SR2S grant, which would be budgeted in fiscal year 2008/09.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Belmont does authorize the Director of Public Works to submit an application for the California Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School (SR2S) grant.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held on November 13, 2007 by the following vote:

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ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBERS:	
ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS:	
APPROVED:	CLERK of the City of Belmont
MAYOR of the City of Belmont	